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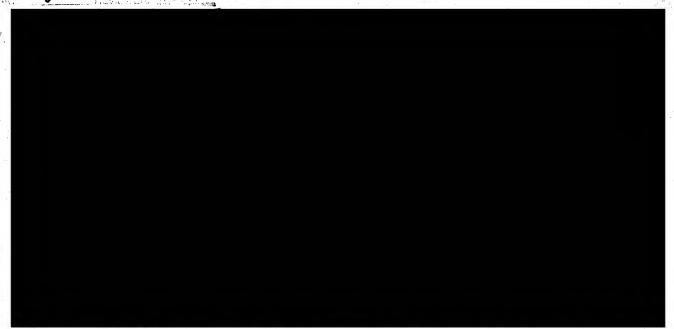
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partial blockade of Israel bound shipping through fuer. Nost mainsonly, they have again spokes of their freedom to make reprisals for frontier incidents, and have polated to recent inflammatory statements by Jordanian leaders [including King Russein].

- Decembe "freshly elerned" at this lernel; attitude and weat to Ameas to war fing function and his military chief to exercise extreme continues the border. Burner' warning had all the monthing effect of a delayer-setton bond—the Jordanians waited two days and then, shouting that they were about to be attached, acred large troop relaforcements into Neet Jordan.
 - A. The Jordanians are now somethal changinged over their slave. Although they still insist they had intelligence (annouttreed by any other source) of large-scale israel; troop movements toward Jerusales and other points, at the same time the Jordanians are trying to put the blaze for their flap on Gas. Burns.
 - 5. That Jordanian intelligence may have received were reports of preparations for Israeli "graining maneuvers" now in progress, to which (ereign attaches have been lartied.
- 4. Thether Burst up: off the excitement, or whether the Jordanians generated it themselves, this (lap is eguptomatic of acute arch servousness, which stem so much from internal arch state devalopments as from larged acute devalopments as from larged acute devalopments as
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- II. Morder citaation is now calmer, but "flap" is symptomatic of present south irab nervousness. Other sources of alarm:
 - A. Recent Syrian center of irmy C of * and G-2. Army is not Concincia.

 Apparently under anti-leftlet lendership, but possibly remains of further managerers by Syrian right or left (with Iraqi support probable for right, Sayptian support for left).
 - 3. Parthornore, Iraqis are stockpiling near Syrian-Jordan frontier and have inderted mechanized units. Although Iraqi Army claims this is only to aid Jordan in event of Erneli attack, some Arabs seriates Iraqi pressure on both Syria and Jordan in the event of unfavorable political turns.
- III. These developments point to new period of crimis in Middle Sant.
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- A. Iraq is probably supporting the rightist groups, while the Egyptians probably will throw their weight behind the more lattist elements.
- 6. Events in Iraq are another source of disquiet. The Iraqis are newing with caproceduated speed to stockpile military supplies at a convenient point near their border with Syria and Jorden.
 - A. The Iraqi army maintains that this supply sore, as well as an alert apparently passed to Iraqi mechanised units, are only in fulfillment of Iraq's agreement to come to Jordan's assistance, should the latter be threatened by Inrael.
 - belief that the Iraqia any intend to put forthright pressure on either Syria or Jordan or both, if political developments in those emunicies turn out enteropy to Iraq.
- ". All these developments, when added to the chromic problems of Arab-Israeli and later Arab relations, point to a new period of origin in the Middle East. The ultimate impact of these events on Arab and Israeli relations with the Year is difficult to foresee, but the prevailing confusion has the impactant effect of making the Araba and Israelis eye such other even more apprehensively than they have in the past fee months.

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